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December 12, 2007


County Commissioners
Ravalli County
215 South 4th St, Ste A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear County Commissioners:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter of request for Natural Disaster Determination that went out today to Acting Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Connor.

If you have any questions, please call me at 406-444-5665.

Sincerely,


Jackie Williams
Policy Advisor/Executive Assistant
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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Mr. Chuck Connor, Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Connor:

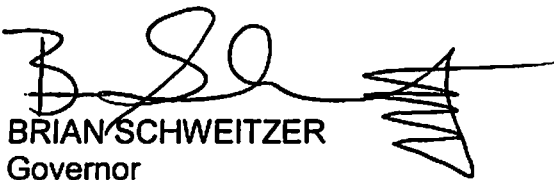
On December 10, 2007, I received a request for a Natural Disaster Determination (NDD) by the US Secretary of Agriculture from the Ravalli County Board of Commissioners.

Ravalli County has been experiencing severe drought conditions for several years. Snow-pack was well below average and spring rains were not adequate to produce grasses to feed livestock. In addition, topsoil throughout the county has not received sufficient moisture to grow respectable crops. The lack of moisture has resulted in agricultural expenditures that will go beyond the financial capability of the local area. Both the local and the agricultural economy are threatened.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the State Farm Service Agency office so they may begin to compile the necessary damage assessment information.

Your prompt review and approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger
Ron de Yong, Department of Agriculture
General Randall Mosley, Department of Military Affairs
Dave Maser, Disaster & Emergency Services
Randy Johnson, Farm Services Agency
Jesse Aber, Department of Natural Resource & Conservation